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1. ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE RECENT VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION TO KINGSTON IS AN INDICATION OF THINGS TO COME IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAMAICA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FOR THE PRESENT IT IS NOT. THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 5 ITS INTENTION TO OPEN NEW EMBASSIES IN CUBA AND JAPAN. IN CARRYING OUT THESE PLANS, IT APPEARS TO BE RUNNING INTO FINANCIAL AND VERY SERIOUS MANPOWER DIFFICULTIES. JAMAICA SIMPLY DOES NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL TO STAFF THE MINISTRIES, LET ALONE NEW OVERSEAS MISSIONS.

2. WHILE THE FOREGOING IS DESCRIPTIVE OF THE SITUATION IN EXPANDING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, IT IS ALSO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY JAMAICA IN EXPANDING AND MAINTAINING EVEN INFORMAL RELATIONS WITH ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES. THE EMBASSY CANNOT RULE OUT COMPLETELY, HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY THAT FUTURE JAMAICAN TRADE MISSIONS TO THE FAR EAST MIGHT STOP IN PYONGYANG, ALTHOUGH IT IS EXTREMELY IMPROBABLE.

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